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**LOGAN COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO SIX AND A HALF YEARS
ON MARIJUANA AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

– After Previous Felony Conviction

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Jason Lamar Hines**, age 30, of Russellville, Kentucky, in Logan County, was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Hines to 3 years supervised release following incarceration.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local, and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law. U.S. Attorney Huber noted that “the South Central Kentucky Drug Task force is taking drug dealers off the street.” He also said, “There is no parole from federal prison.”

In his previous plea of guilty, Hines admitted that on or about November 29, 2005, he committed the crime of knowingly and intentionally possessing a controlled substance, marijuana, with intent to distribute it, and that during and in relation to the commission of this

drug trafficking crime, he carried a Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. The commercial value of marijuana in this area is approximately \$100 - \$150 per ounce. Hines sold a police informant approximately 5.6 grams of marijuana, after which the police obtained a search warrant for his residence at 721 Copple Street, Russellville, Kentucky. During the execution of the search warrant, police seized approximately 350 grams of marijuana.

Hines has a prior felony conviction for theft in Logan County in 1999.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force , as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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